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Parshat Vayishlach

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**RAINING OUTSIDE,  
REIGNING INSIDE**

## NEW SERIAL: THE RISE OF KIWY PERSON

BY SIR ISAAC L. COLDSORE

(Read in trailer voice) In a world where Kiwi People are dominant and it's a world of dominant Kiwi people, only one kiwi person can be the most dominant of the kiwi people. Join us on Kiwi Person's journey where Kiwi person will prove his dominance in the Kiwi people world while at the same time stayin cool like a Kiwi. To prove his kiwi dominance he will have to travel to the world of The Chimney People World, on Chimney People Planet and defeat the ultimate Chimney Person on Chimney People Planet....Dr. Charlie Chimney. By challenging him in a game of Pick-Up-Sticks. Now we're not exactly so sure how to play this, but Kalman the Kiwi is an exceptional Pick-Up-Sticks player. Also the sticks will be on fire!!! And we all know that Fire is Dr. Charlie Chimney's best friend. (They had a lot of play dates in their youth and now they're good friends from back in the day) but regardless...STICKS OF FIRE and Yismo will be there to watch and learn Torah. And light refreshments will be served. So join us for The Underdog Kiwi Person of The Kiwi People While Defeating Chimney Person with Pick-Up-Sticks and Yismo Fire!!!! Now available on Bluray. Rated E for Everyone (except for people who don't like Kiwis.... and chimneys I guess...)



## INK ON PARCHMENT

BY SHLOIMA SANDERS

Baruch Hashem, the new Second Seder Safrus Situation at Fischer's is off to a strong start. I joined in and it wasn't going well. Each line and every word was a pain to script. My frustration and embarrassment grew and grew. Everyone else's pen work was so much more smooth and easy. Finally, feeling defeated, I sat down with the holy Rabbi "Z" Zeret, to see if there was any way to fix my problem. After close examination we discovered that the pen tip I was using was uneven. After some schwifty knifework on the tip I put the pen to paper and... oh BABY! The lines were coming clean and crisp as Sammy Samowitz's suit. I wasn't a hopeless case, my pen just wasn't making contact with the paper. Now I'm on my way to effectively learning safrus.

There are times when we have a difficulty in life. We try and try to fix it but, for some reason, it just doesn't seem as if the work is hitting home. It pays to take a step back amid the frustration and see if there is a missing piece. It could be a strong support system, an acceptance of a problem, or a weekly coach/Rebbi session. Not every situation is as black and white as ink on parchment, but the lesson of this story can make the difference between night and day.

## YEP, STILL FLEISHIGZ

BY HUDA KRUPKA



# NEW LIGHTS FROM THE OLD CITY

## A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH HUDACRIS KASTEL

**The lights dim.**

**Smoke begins to spread.**

**The crowd erupts as the DJ emerges.**

FJ: Hey DJ, thanks for coming out. Describe the Old City in a few words.

DJ: It's a smaller, more personal Moshav experience. Just what I need these days!

FJ: That's really cool. Not that we know the difference, but treble or bass?

DJ: Bass.

FJ: Can't argue with that. Now we've all been dying to know- what's your favorite color?

DJ: Currently maroon. But they come and go in phases.

FJ: What a boss. Thanks for joining us!

## A POEM

BY CHATAN HAKADOSH SHLOMO MITTEL WHO HAS TREMENDOUS CHEIN WE LOVE YOU LIKE CRAZY

One foot in front of the other,  
that's what it read,  
step by step, the main thing,  
eyes straight forward up ahead.

It was an old story about this boy Rick,  
they called him Roy,  
for no apparent reason.

Now Roy, his envoy, his convoy, their decoy, for their ploy,  
set out on a mission,  
All together to make a reality,  
their vision.

Ya see, they all had something in common,  
this issue, this problem,  
No one could jump over the wall,  
each and every time they'd all fall.

One piped up,  
he had an idea, but it would be a challenge  
"If I can't jump over, let's run right through"  
It was an opportunity, they all knew.

Now came time, for everyone to get stuck in their own  
head,  
LaLa Land by day, & sleepless nights in their bed,

"What if I can't do it,  
what if I mess up,  
But what's a life behind this wall,  
Stuck here in this rut."

Seeing two different things, with one set of eyes,  
very confusing, one big guise.

Will we join arm in arm to at least try to break free,  
or stay behind on the chance that maybe one day we will  
see  
The wall somehow crumbles all on it's own,  
Yes I'm talking to every last diversion, they wanna beat us  
to our bone.

## DVAR TORAH

BY SHMUEL SHULMAN

Our Parsha starts, "And Yaakov sent angels to his brother Eisav... And they returned and said your brother Eisav is coming with 400 men... And Yaakov became very afraid, and he split his people into 2 camps" There are 2 questions on this. The Torah doesn't use extra words, why does it need to say "brother," and "Eisav?" It could've just said one. The 2nd question is, why was Yaakov so afraid? Didn't he trust that Hashem would save him? The Nesivos Shalom answers; The Torah isn't just talking about an encounter that happened thousands of years ago, it's teaching us a lesson in our battle we have with the Yetzer Hara every day. There are 2 ways that the Yetzer Hara attacks a person, one is like Eisav and the other is like a brother. Eisav is the form that tries to get us to run after our teivos and do aveiros, and then he makes us feel really bad about ourselves afterwards. The way he traps us is by making us feel like garbage, so we just keep doing aveiros. The way to fight him is to think about how awesome we are. When he attacks us we have to remind ourselves of all our good points. Someone who truly thinks very highly of himself would never do things that are beneath him. Then there's the form of the Yetzer Hara that comes at you like a brother. He's the one that attacks you when you're doing well. He's much more sneaky, because his job is to tell you how awesome you are. Why is that a bad thing, you might ask? Because he tries to get you to believe that everything you have comes from your own effort, and isn't from Hashem. He also tries to get you to look down on other people who aren't doing as well as you. The way to fight him is to remind yourself that your really nothing, because every single one of your talents and abilities were given to you by Hashem. Now we can better understand the pesukim. Yaakov sent angels ahead of him with the message, "Find out if the Yetzer Hara is coming at me in the form of my brother or the form of Eisav." When they returned and said, "he's coming as both!" Yaakov became very afraid. How is someone able to fight both types of the Yetzer Hara at the same time? What Yaakov did was, "He split his people into 2 camps." The Nesivos Shalom explains, it doesn't mean he split them into 2 groups, rather, he split each individual person into 2 camps! He told his people to split themselves in half, half to think that they're awesome, and half to think that they're nothing! This isn't an easy feat to accomplish. That's why it says, "And Yaakov davened to Hashem, save me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Eisav!" We all must daven to Hashem for help in this battle. I wish you a lot of success in defeating the Yetzer Hara, make it a great Shabbos!

## HALACHICALLY SPEAKING

WITH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE  
NESANEL ALEXANDER

Halachos of answering amen on גאל ישראל:

Since there is a מחלוקת in regards to answering amen when the חזן finishes גאל ישראל, one should start עשרה just a bit before the חזן finishes גאל ישראל and by doing so avoid saying Amen.

Some have a custom that the חזן says the last few words quietly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Yat Kislev Firebrenge
- Chanukah Dorm Makeover
- Chilean Elections (Go Pablo!)
- Mezhbuzh Trip
- National Yismo Day
- Next Week Wednesday

## STRINGS ATTACHED

BY YITZY ROSENBERG

You will not believe what goes on in this fantastic yeshiva. We had some amazing people from an organization called the Tzitzis Project, who sponsor tzitzis for people around the world. They came to yeshiva to help us make tzitzis for ourselves. The experience was amazing! Right after lunch a lot of guys sat in the Beis Medrash making tzitzis for a couple of hours together. With the sounds of לשם מצות ציצת echoing through the room, we heard an announcement-someone who came all the way from Brooklyn walked into the beis medrash. Suddenly, everyone got up and started singing and dancing to welcome our esteemed guest. This was definitely one of the highlights of my week. Fischer's is awesome, so B"H these stuff do tend to happen quite often, but once again thank you to Tzitzis Project for coming to Fischer's and giving us this awesome experience we will not forget!!

## BATTLE OF THE BEARDS: EPISODE I

BY SHALOM WEISBERG, DDS

So it has come to my humble attention that some people think that beards are not the way. "But what do you feel in your neshama?" is the question you have to ask yourself when you walk by Skilly Adler or Simchi Skaist or maybe Shimon Hatzaddik, DJ Hudacris Kastel and I dunno, maybe even myself and plenty of others you get a tingle that just make you say ahhhh I would love that. But wait-don't wish, because you CAN have a beard like one of the many great beards in yeshiva with just some good old fashioned growth. And that's what we're doing here anyway-double whammy. So if you're part of the clean shaven community and you need help just know help is on the way. Wait till next week's issue on more about the Battle of the Beards da da daaaaaaaa.....



# LIVING IN A JEWISH REALITY

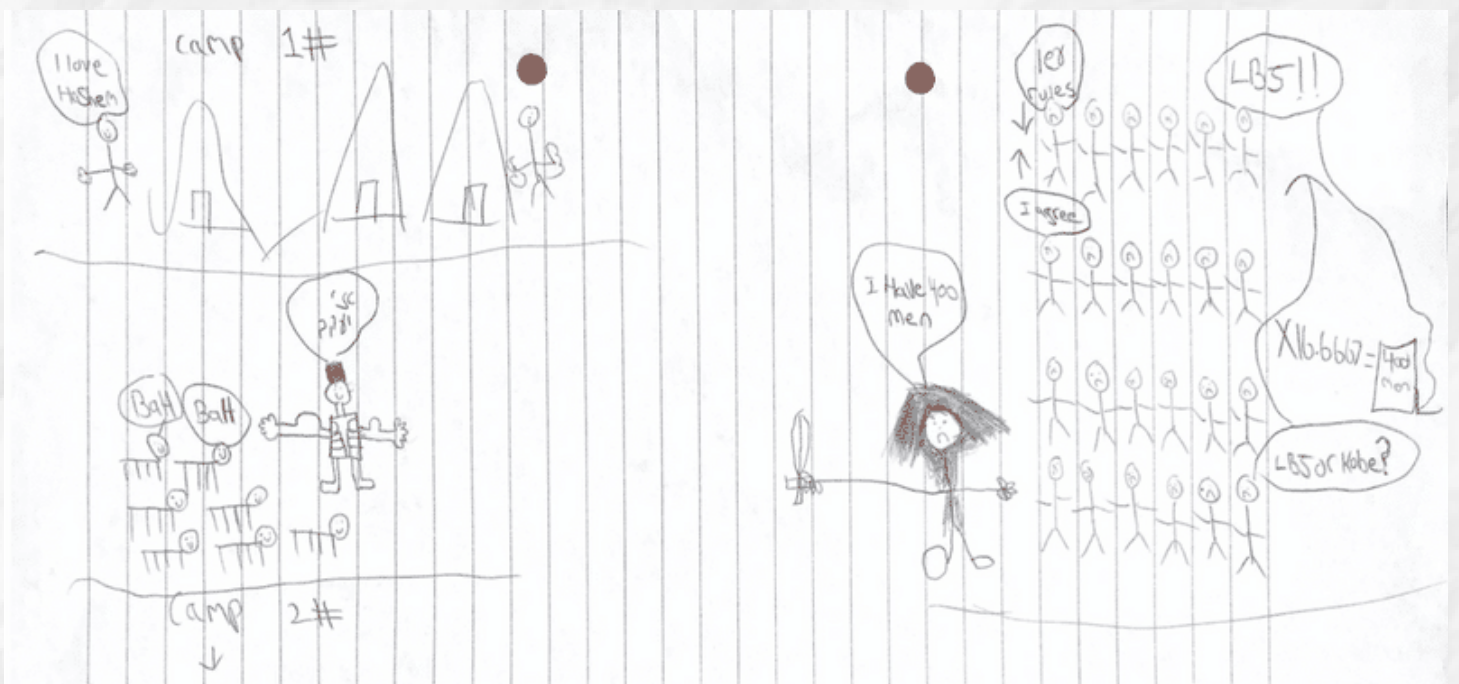
BY REB SIMCHAH RABBA

Imagine an entire community of people that are trained from a very young age to begin their day with the words "I'm grateful!". Before they even stand up, as they are still laying in their beds the first words out of their mouths are "I am grateful." How inspiring would that be? How much would we say, "Wow! I wish I was brought up that way! That is such a beautiful lifestyle! Imagine if I was brought up this way, who knows where I would be today?" This is our culture, this is our value system.

We need to start tapping into our ancient wisdom and begin our days properly. Not to just babble a bunch of Hebrew when we wake up, bur rather to wake up with a fire, a fire of gratitude, a fire of appreciation, to begin our day invigorated with thanks. We can be the change we wish to see in the world. Let's just start living our value system.

# A SEMI ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THIS WEEK'S PARSHA

BY DOVID REISER



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*in color*



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*in sepia*



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*make your own tzitzis*

